GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXCAVATION OF MATA BAGLA MUKHI TEMPLE IN H.P.
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there was a famous ancient and historical Mata Bagla Mukhi temple at Vankhandi in Tehsil Dehra, District Kangar (Himachal Pradesh), which subsided in the devastating earthquake of 1905;

(b) if so, whether the remains of the said temple was found during the course of excavation;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to undertake excavation of the said site in order to get the remains of this ancient and historical temple; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (d) The existing temple of Mata Bagla Mukhi at Vankhandi in Tehsil Dehra, District Kangra (Himachal Pradesh) appears to have been constructed over the remains of an ancient temple. Archaeological excavation of the site is not feasible in view of the heavy construction around the existing temple.